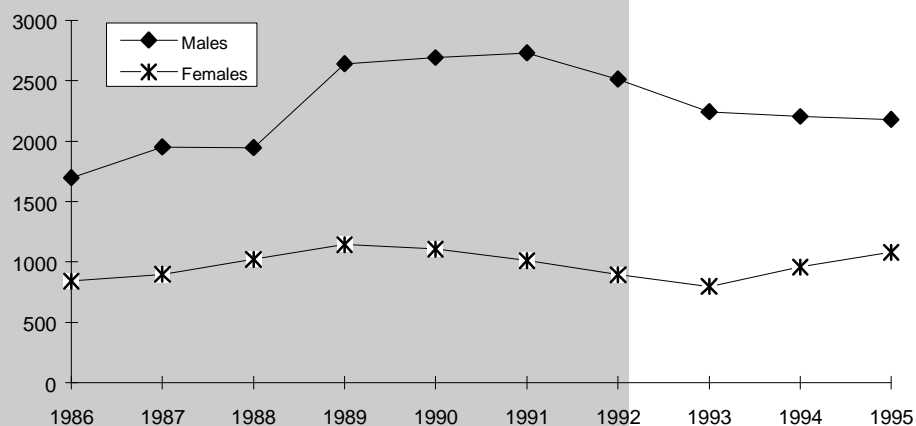


## 1995 Court Commitments to the Massachusetts Department of Correction



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# ABSTRACT

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**T**his report is a statistical description of the individuals committed by the courts to a term of incarceration in the Massachusetts Department of Correction during the year 1995. The tables in this report contain information on the present offense and personal background characteristics of these individuals. Some highlights of the statistics presented in this report are:

**There was a 3 percent increase in the number of commitments from 3,161 in 1994 to 3,258 in 1995. The number of commitments decreased for the years 1991 to 1993 and increased for 1994 and 1995.**

**There was a decrease of one percent for male commitments and an increase of 13 percent for female commitments from 1994 to 1995.**

**For offenses committed after June 30, 1994, the "truth in sentencing" law eliminated the reformatory (Concord) sentence. During 1995 only 58 males and 30 females were incarcerated for a reformatory sentence.**

**From 1994 to 1995, the median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments decreased from five to four years, and the median maximum sentence for Framingham commitments remained at less than one year. The median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was five years for 1994 and 1995.**

**Three percent of the commitments in 1995 were for a life sentence, the same proportion as in 1994.**

**Violent offenses (person and sex) accounted for 55 percent of all male commitments and 15 percent of all female commitments. Non-violent offenses (property, drug and 'other') represented 85 percent of all female commitments and 45 percent of all male commitments.**

**The number of commitments for violent offenses decreased by 16% from 1991 to 1995, and the proportion committed for violent offenses decreased from 43 percent to 41 percent.**

**For males, commitments for violent offenses decreased 19 percent from 1,467 in 1991 to 1,189 in 1995. For females, commitments for violent offenses increased 22 percent from 129 in 1991 to 157 in 1995.**

**The median age of male commitments was 28 years, while for female commitments it was 31 years; overall, the median age of commitments was 30 years.**

**Fifty percent of the commitment population was Caucasian, 26 percent was African American, 23 percent was Hispanic, and approximately two percent was other races.**

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# Introduction

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**T**his report is a statistical description of individuals committed by the courts to the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) during 1995. The report contains information about the present offense, and personal background characteristics of individuals committed from the courts. Trends in court commitments over the last five to ten years are discussed. This report is based on information entered on the DOC inmate database by staff at the Research and Planning Division, as well as the committing institutions.

This report includes all new court commitments and those who began serving a new sentence during the year. If an individual was committed to the Department more than once during 1995, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately. Some categories of offenders are not included in this report: those who began serving "B" and "C" sentences during 1995 (sentences received for crimes committed on parole).

This report examines commitment data by gender, for 1995 and past years. Although there were 58 commitments for reformatory sentences in 1995, the bulk of male commitments (97 percent) were for state prison sentences.

Due to a change in the Massachusetts sentencing structure abolishing the reformatory (Concord) sentence for offenses committed after June 30, 1994, the format of this report is different than previous years. In the past, data was presented by commitment institution: MCI-Cedar Junction for males receiving a state prison sentence, MCI-Concord for males receiving a reformatory sentence, and MCI-Framingham for all female commitments, regardless of what type of sentence they receive, state prison or reformatory.

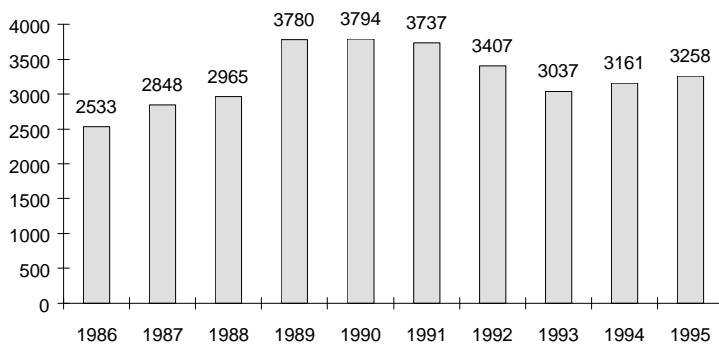
The following information is helpful when reading the tables in the back of the report. Each table is divided according to gender. Since the data varies by gender, it is important to consider each column in the table and the total column. The columns marked "N" represent the number of individuals who fall into the corresponding category in the table. The columns marked "%" represent the percentage of the number of individuals in a particular category to the total number of commitments for that gender (column percents). **Due to rounding of percents to whole numbers, the table percentages may not total 100.**

## Trends in Court Commitments, 1986 to 1995

There were 3,258 commitments during 1995, a three percent increase from the previous year. Figure 1 shows the number of commitments for the ten year period 1986 to 1995. The number of commitments increased from 1986 to 1990, decreased from 1991 to 1993, and increased again, from 1994 to 1995.

Figure 2 shows the number of commitments by gender for the period 1986 to 1995. The number of male commitments increased during the period 1986 to 1987, with a slight decrease from 1987 to 1988, followed by an increase from 1989 to 1991 and a decrease from 1992 to 1995.

Figure 1.  
Number of Commitments,  
1986 to 1995



Commitments of females increased steadily during the four year period 1986 to 1989, followed by a decrease in commitments for the years 1990 through 1993, and an increase for 1994 and 1995. From 1986 to 1995, commitments increased 29 percent for both males and females.

From 1994 to 1995, changes in commitment levels varied by gender. Male commitments decreased from 2,204 in 1994 to 2,179 in 1995, a decrease of 25 commitments or one percent. Female commitments increased from 957 commitments in 1994 to 1079 in 1995, an increase of 122 commitments or 13 percent. Overall, commitments increased by 97 commitments, or 3 percent from 1994 to 1995, and increased 29 percent over the ten year period, 1986 to 1995.

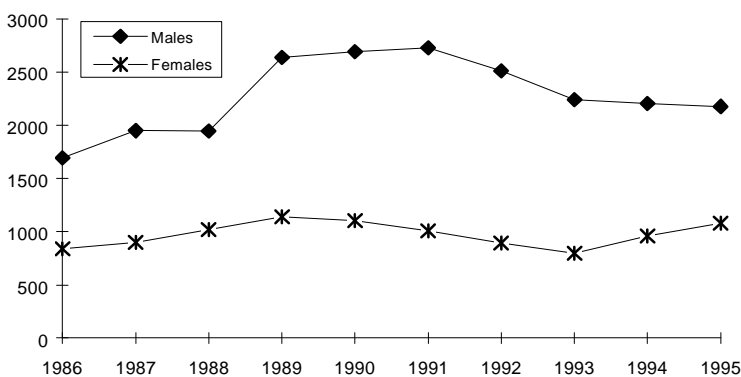


Figure 2.  
Number of Commitments by Gender,  
1986 to 1995

## Trends in Court Commitments, 1991 to 1995

Table 1 and Figures 3 and 4 show selected characteristics of offenders committed to the DOC over the last five years, 1991 to 1995. These characteristics are shown separately by gender and for total commitments.

Overall, the number of commitments decreased 13 percent (N=479) from 3,737 commitments in 1991 to 3,258 commitments in 1995. The decrease in commitments from 1991 to 1993 represents a trend of steady decline in the number of commitments to the DOC. However, the 1994 and 1995 figures represent an increase in commitments, breaking the downward trend.

### Present Offense

As seen in Table 1, **the proportion of commitments for violent offenses decreased slightly over the last five years.** In 1991, 43 percent of DOC commitments were for violent offenses (i.e. person and sex offenses) and 57 percent were for non-violent offenses (i.e. property, drug, and "other" offenses). In 1995, 41 percent of the commitments were for violent offenses and 59 percent were for non-violent offenses.

**The proportion of commitments for person offenses remained unchanged at 33 percent in 1991 and 1995.** The proportion of commitments for person offenses increased for males, from 41 percent to 43 percent, and for females, from 11 percent to 14 percent.

*The primary offense for which individuals were committed to the DOC changed over the past five years. The proportion of commitments for person offenses increased, while the proportion committed for drug offenses decreased.*

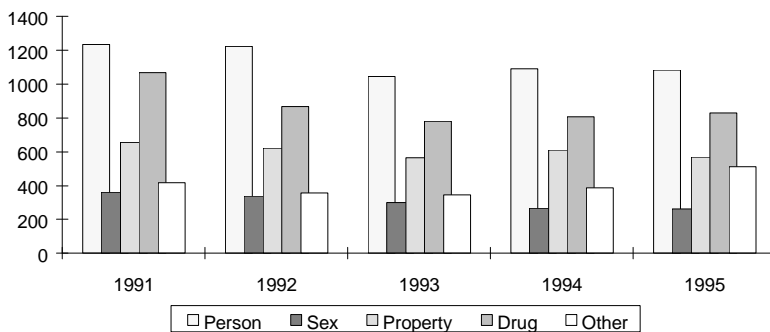
**The proportion committed for sex offenses decreased slightly from 10 percent to 8 percent over the five year period.** A decrease in the proportion of commitments for sex offenses is shown for male commitments from 13 percent in 1991 to 12 percent in 1995. The

number of commitments for sex offenses decreased for females from 14 in 1991 to 9 in 1995. Overall, commitments for sex offenses involving an adult victim (aggravated rape, rape, or indecent assault and battery) decreased over the period, representing 39 percent of commitments for sex offenses in 1991 and 34 percent in 1995. Commitments for sex offenses involving a minor (rape of child or indecent assault and battery of child) increased slightly from 60 percent of commitments for sex offenses in 1991 to 61 percent in 1995.

**There was no change in the proportion of commitments for property offenses, comprising 18 percent of all commitments in 1991 and 1995.** The proportion of property offenses stayed the same for male commitments at 14 percent in 1991 and 1995, and decreased for female commitments from 27 percent in 1991 to 24 percent in 1995.

**Commitments for drug offenses decreased from 28 percent of commitments to 26 percent of commitments, over the five year period.** This decrease occurred for male and female commitments from 29 percent to 27 percent for male commitments, and 29 percent to 23 percent for female commitments.

Figure 3.  
Offense Category, 1991 to 1995



**The proportion of commitments for offenses in the 'other' offense category increased from 11 percent to 16 percent of commitments over the past five years.** The proportion increased for female commitments, comprising 32 percent of all commitments in 1991 and 38 percent in 1995. For Framingham commitments, the most common offenses in this category were prostitution, operating under the influence of alcohol, common night walker, disturbing the peace, motor vehicle offenses, and trespassing. For males this category consisted predominantly of violation of the Bartley

Fox Gun Law, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 1 year. Commitments of males for "other" offenses increased from 96 commitments to 97 commitments over the period, representing 4 percent of male commitments for both years.

## Sentence Length

In Table 1, the distribution of sentence length over the past five years is shown by committing institution. Upon comparing the distribution of sentence length for Cedar Junction commitments during 1991 with 1995, the proportion of commitments for sentences of less than 5 years increased from 36 percent in 1991 to 54 percent in 1995, and the proportion of commitments for sentences of 5-9 years decreased from 44 percent in 1991 to 32 percent in 1995. The proportion of commitments for sentences of 10-15 years decreased from 14 percent to 8 percent. In addition, the proportion of commitments with sentences of 16 years or more (including life) decreased slightly from 7 percent in 1991 to 6 percent in 1995.

Sentence length distribution also changed for Concord commitments from 1991 to 1995. The proportion of 1995 commitments with sentence lengths of less than 5 years jumped from 23 percent in 1991 to 38 percent in 1995. For the category with sentences of 5-9 years, the proportion of Concord commitments decreased from 31 percent to 24 percent. There was also a decrease from 36 percent to 31 percent in the 10 to 15 year category, and from 9 percent to 7 percent in the category of 16 years or more.

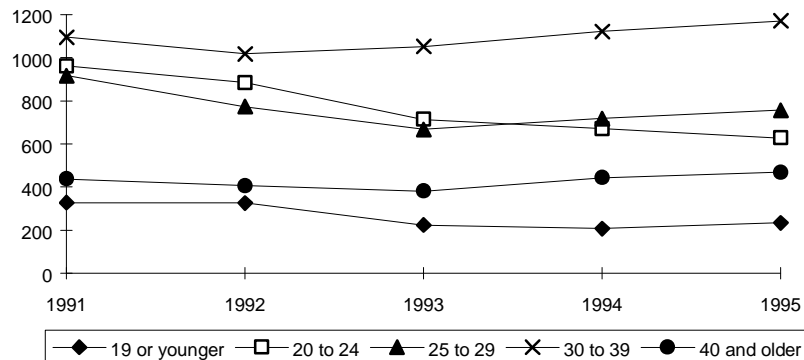
Women committed to Framingham can serve either a county, reformatory, or state prison sentence. Over the past five years, the number of women committed with state prison sentences decreased 7 percent (N=8), the number of women committed with reformatory sentences decreased 60 percent (N=45), and the number of women committed with county sentences increased 15 percent (N=123). In 1991, 81 percent of Framingham commitments were for county sentences and 19 percent were for state prison or reformatory sentences. In 1995, 87 percent of Framingham commitments were for county sentences and 13 percent were for state prison or reformatory sentences.

### Age at Incarceration

Table 1 and Figure 4 reveal that **the age distribution of individuals committed to the Department shifted upward over the five year period.** In 1991, 41 percent of the commitments were 30 or older. By 1995, 50 percent were age 30 or older. In 1991, 39 percent of the male commitments were 30 years or older. In 1995, 45 percent were 30 years or older,

indicating an increase in the age of male commitments. The upward shift of the age distribution was more pronounced for female commitments. In 1991, 46 percent were 30 or older. In 1995, 61 percent were 30 years or older.

Figure 4.  
Age Distribution,  
1991 to 1995





**Table 1.**  
**Selected Characteristics of Offenders**  
**Committed to the DOC by Gender,**  
**1991 to 1995**

<b>Present Offense</b>		<b>1991</b>		<b>1992</b>		<b>1993</b>		<b>1994</b>		<b>1995</b>	
		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Males</b>											
Person		1121	(41)	1097	(44)	956	(43)	975	(44)	936	(43)
Sex		346	(13)	325	(13)	291	(13)	255	(12)	253	(12)
Property		387	(14)	366	(15)	328	(15)	321	(15)	311	(14)
Drug		778	(29)	648	(26)	586	(26)	575	(26)	582	(27)
Other		96	(4)	76	(3)	80	(3)	78	(4)	97	(4)
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>2728</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2512</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2241</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2204</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>
<b>Females</b>											
Person		115	(11)	126	(14)	90	(11)	117	(12)	148	(14)
Sex		14	(1)	12	(1)	10	(1)	10	(1)	9	(1)
Property		269	(27)	257	(29)	236	(30)	290	(30)	259	(24)
Drug		289	(29)	221	(25)	195	(25)	232	(24)	249	(23)
Other		322	(32)	279	(31)	265	(33)	308	(32)	414	(38)
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>1009</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>
<b>Total</b>											
Person		1236	(33)	1223	(36)	1046	(34)	1092	(35)	1084	(33)
Sex		360	(10)	337	(10)	301	(10)	265	(8)	262	(8)
Property		656	(18)	623	(18)	564	(19)	611	(19)	570	(18)
Drug		1067	(28)	869	(26)	781	(26)	807	(26)	831	(26)
Other		418	(11)	355	(10)	345	(11)	386	(12)	511	(16)
<b>Total</b>		<b>3737</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3407</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3037</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3161</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>
<b>Present Offense: Sex Offense</b>		<b>1991</b>		<b>1992</b>		<b>1993</b>		<b>1994</b>		<b>1995</b>	
		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Rape/Assault-Adult		139	(39)	107	(32)	111	(37)	79	(30)	90	(34)
Rape/Assault-Minor		217	(60)	221	(66)	182	(60)	178	(67)	160	(61)
Other Sex Offense		4	(1)	9	(3)	8	(3)	8	(3)	12	(5)
<b>Total</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>(100)</b>

**Table 1.**  
**(continued)**

<b>Sentence Length</b>		<b>1991</b>		<b>1992</b>		<b>1993</b>		<b>1994</b>		<b>1995</b>	
<b>Cedar Junction:</b>		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Minimum Sentence</b>											
Less than 5 years	731	(36)	663	(32)	652	(34)	717	(35)	1144	(54)	
5 to 9 years	890	(44)	959	(47)	884	(46)	949	(46)	677	(32)	
10 to 15 years	288	(14)	265	(13)	244	(13)	225	(11)	174	(8)	
16 years or more	61	(3)	85	(4)	51	(3)	66	(3)	47	(2)	
Life	72	(4)	65	(3)	78	(4)	89	(4)	79	(4)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2042</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2037</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2121</b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>Concord :</b>											
<b>Maximum Sentence</b>											
Less than 5 years	161	(23)	73	(15)	69	(21)	46	(29)	22	(38)	
5 to 9 years	216	(31)	164	(34)	91	(27)	53	(34)	14	(24)	
10 to 15 years	246	(36)	191	(40)	146	(44)	51	(32)	18	(31)	
16 years or more	63	(9)	47	(10)	26	(8)	8	(5)	4	(7)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>Framingham:</b>											
<b>Type of Sentence</b>											
County	820	(81)	724	(81)	665	(83)	824	(86)	943	(87)	
Reformatory	75	(7)	64	(7)	39	(5)	35	(4)	30	(3)	
State Prison	114	(12)	107	(12)	92	(12)	98	(10)	106	(10)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>Age at Incarceration</b>		<b>1991</b>		<b>1992</b>		<b>1993</b>		<b>1994</b>		<b>1995</b>	
<b>Males</b>		<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
19 or younger	287	(11)	296	(12)	209	(9)	176	(8)	206	(9)	
20 to 24	750	(27)	700	(28)	573	(26)	529	(24)	493	(23)	
25 to 29	619	(23)	524	(21)	464	(21)	480	(22)	503	(23)	
30 to 39	750	(27)	690	(27)	699	(31)	699	(32)	648	(30)	
40 and older	322	(12)	302	(12)	296	(13)	320	(15)	329	(15)	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2728</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2512</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2241</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2204</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>Females</b>											
19 or younger	41	(4)	30	(3)	15	(2)	31	(3)	29	(3)	
20 to 24	211	(21)	184	(21)	140	(18)	141	(15)	134	(12)	
25 to 29	297	(29)	249	(28)	204	(26)	238	(25)	254	(24)	
30 to 39	344	(34)	327	(37)	352	(44)	423	(44)	523	(48)	
40 and older	116	(12)	105	(12)	85	(11)	124	(13)	139	(13)	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	
<b>All Institutions</b>											
19 or younger	328	(9)	326	(10)	224	(7)	207	(7)	235	(7)	
20 to 24	961	(26)	884	(26)	713	(23)	670	(21)	627	(19)	
25 to 29	916	(24)	773	(23)	668	(22)	718	(23)	757	(23)	
30 to 39	1094	(29)	1017	(30)	1051	(35)	1122	(35)	1171	(36)	
40 and older	438	(12)	407	(12)	381	(12)	444	(14)	468	(14)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3737</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3407</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3037</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3161</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>	

## A Description of 1995 Court Commitments

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This section presents a description of the population committed to the DOC during 1995. This discussion is based on information presented in the tables beginning at page 11 of this report. It includes a description of the present offense, and personal background characteristics of the offender. Where relevant, information is compared by gender or data for the previous year.

### Nature of Present Offense

In discussing the present offense of the commitment population, the governing offense is represented. This is the offense for which the committed individual received the longest sentence.

**Committing Institution.** All 1,079 females were committed to MCI-Framingham, comprising 33 percent of 1995 commitments. Of the males, 2,121 received state prison (Cedar Junction) sentences and 58 received reformatory (Concord) sentences. Sixty-five percent of the 1995 commitments were state prison commitments and 2 percent were Concord commitments.

Committing Institution	Number of Commitments
Cedar Junction	2,121
Concord	58
Framingham	1,079
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,258</b>

**Committing Court.** Seventy-one percent of the commitments to the Department of Correction were from Superior Courts. Five Superior courts: Suffolk, Middlesex, Hampden, Worcester and Essex accounted for 53 percent of the commitments to the Department. Ninety-nine percent of the male commitments came from Superior Courts. In contrast, 13 percent of the commitments to Framingham were from Superior Courts. The majority of commitments to Framingham were from district courts (87 percent).

**Minimum Sentence.** Only those individuals who receive a state prison sentence (all Cedar Junction commitments and some Framingham commitments) receive a minimum sentence. Generally, minimum state prison sentences must be for two and one-half years or more, but in some cases can be shorter (for example, "one year" to "one year and a day" sentences). The median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments was four years. **There were 106 commitments to Framingham for state prison sentences. The median minimum sentence for those women was four years.**

Eighty-two individuals received life sentences during 1995, three of which were female. This number represents a decrease of ten male commitments for life sentences, when compared with 1994. In addition, there were two less females committed for life sentences during 1994. The 82 life sentences included 48 for first-degree murder, 31 for second-degree murder, and 3 for sex offenses.

**Maximum Sentence.** All individuals committed to the DOC have a maximum sentence. For commitments for reformatory (Concord) sentences, this is their only sentence. Generally, maximum sentences to Concord are two and one-half years or longer but shorter sentences can be given for some offenses such as larceny, escape and drug offenses. The median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was five years. A large

*The median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments was 4 years. The median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was 5 years.*

proportion of Framingham commitments received county sentences, those with a maximum sentence length of less than two and one-half years. Males receiving county sentences are committed to houses of correction while many of the females receiving county sentences are committed to Framingham. Of the 1,079 commitments to Framingham, 106 (10 percent) received state prison (Cedar Junction) sentences, 30 (3 percent) received reformatory (Concord) sentences and 943 (87 percent) received county sentences, including 103 committed for non-payment of a fine.

**Type of Sentence.** Most individuals committed to the Department during 1995 received simple sentences (33 percent) or concurrent sentences (42 percent). Sixteen percent of the commitments received split sentences\*; males (15 percent), and females (17 percent). Less frequently received were aggregate, forthwith, or From and After sentences. Forthwith sentences were most often found among male commitments (4 percent), whereas aggregate sentences were more common for female commitments (5 percent). Ten percent of the Framingham commitments were in lieu of payment of a fine.

**Number of Offenses.** Forty-five percent of the commitments to the DOC had one offense for which they were incarcerated, and 55 percent were committed for more than one offense. The number of offenses that resulted in the current commitment ranged from 1 to 52.

**Time Until Parole Eligibility.** An indication of how much time offenders will actually serve is the time until their parole eligibility date. **For male commitments the median time until parole eligibility was 2-3 years, for female commitments the median time until parole eligibility was 3 months or less.**

Individuals may not be eligible for parole for a number of reasons. Some mandatory sentences (including first-degree life) have no possible release to parole, some sentences are too short for parole eligibility to be established, i.e., less than sixty days or fines. In a small number of cases, individuals can be beyond their original parole eligibility at the time of commitment to the DOC if they were in jail for a sufficient time awaiting sentencing.

\*Due to the "truth in sentencing" law, inmates committed to the DOC may no longer be given a split sentence by the court for offenses committed after June 30, 1994.

**Offense.** Type of offense varied by gender. Fifty-five percent of the male commitments were for violent offenses (person or sex offenses). In contrast, 15 percent of the female commitments were for violent offenses. Most women were committed for “other” offenses (38 percent), property offenses (24 percent), or drug offenses (23 percent).

Offenses against the person accounted for 33 percent of all commitments to the Department; 43 percent for males, and 14 percent for females. The most common offenses against the person were armed assault (N=331), armed robbery (N=324), and unarmed robbery (N=112). There were 150 commitments for homicides in 1995, including 48 for first-degree murder, 31 for second-degree murder, 55 for manslaughter, and 16 for vehicular homicide. The number of commitments for homicides increased by 2 from 1994.

Sex offenses accounted for 8 percent of all commitments to the DOC including 12 percent for males, and one percent for females. There were 195 commitments for rape during 1995 and 55 commitments for sexual assaults. Of the rapes and sexual assaults, 90 involved adult victims and 160 involved minors. Additionally, there were 12 commitments for other sex offenses during 1995. Rape and abuse

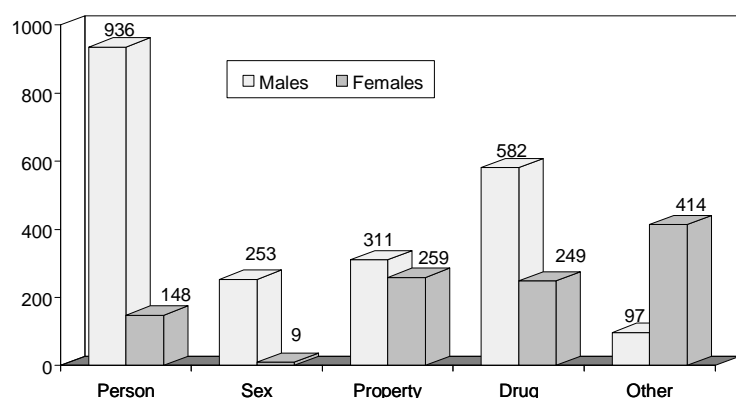
of a minor was the most common sex offense for which individuals were committed during 1995.

Property offenses accounted for 17 percent of all commitments to the Department, varying from 14 percent for males, to 24 percent for females. Burglary was the most common property offense for males; larceny was the most common property offense for female commitments.

Drug offenses accounted for 26 percent of all commitments during 1995 varying from 27 percent for males, to 23 percent for females. There were 445 commitments whose governing offense was a mandatory drug offense, 54 percent of all drug commitments. Of the male drug commitments, the majority (57 percent) were mandatory, versus 16 percent for females. The most common drug offense for male commitments was Trafficking Cocaine 14-28 grams, which carries a mandatory minimum term of three years. For female commitments, the most common drug offense was Class B-First Offense, which does not carry a mandatory sentence.

Offenses in the “other” category accounted for 4 percent of male commitments, and 38 percent of female commitments, or 16 percent of all commitments to the DOC. The most common offenses in the “other” category for female commitments were prostitution (N=131), operating under the influence (N=106), motor vehicle offenses (N=58), and common night walker (N=48). The most common “other” offense for male commitments was for the weapons violation of the Bartley Fox Gun Law (N=55), which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of one year.

Figure 5.  
Offense by  
Committing Institution



## Personal Background Characteristics

In discussing the personal background characteristics of the commitment population, all information is reported according to the status of the offender at the time of commitment. This information is reported by the offender and is not verified in any way.

**Age at Incarceration.** The median age of offenders at incarceration was 30 years, an increase from last year's median age of 29 years. The average age of 1995 commitments was 31 years. Their ages ranged from 16 years to 78 years. The median age of male commitments was 28 years, while the median age of female commitments was 31 years.

**Sex.** During 1995, 33 percent of the commitments were female and 67 percent were male. This represents an increase in the proportion of female commitments from 30 percent and a decrease in the proportion of male commitments from 70 percent in 1994.

**Race and Ethnicity.** Fifty percent of the 1995 commitments were Caucasian, 26 percent were African American, and 23 percent self-reported as Hispanic. There were also 39 Asians and 12 Native Americans committed to the DOC. A larger proportion of female commitments were Caucasian (65 percent), when compared with males (42 percent).

When compared with commitments for 1994, the proportion of Caucasians remained the same, while the proportion of African Americans decreased from 28 to 26 percent, and Hispanics increased from 21 to 23 percent. The number of Asians doubled from 18 to 39 commitments.

**Citizenship.** Ninety-seven percent of the commitments reported being U.S. citizens and 3 percent citizens of other countries. Sixty percent of the commitments were born in Massachusetts, 19 percent were born in other states, 11 percent were born in U.S. territories, and 7 percent were U.S. citizens born in other countries.

The proportion of females who reported being U.S. citizens (98 percent) was higher than that of males (96 percent).

**Marital Status.** Most of the commitments were single (71 percent), fifteen percent were married, 9 percent were divorced, 4 percent were separated, and one percent were widowed.

Male commitments reported being single more often than females, 75 percent versus 64 percent. More males reported being married (16 percent) compared with females (12 percent), whereas more females reported being separated (8 percent) than males (2 percent).

**Prior Address.** Almost all commitments (94 percent) were living in Massachusetts prior to incarceration. Of these, four communities accounted for 41 percent of the commitments: Boston (N=562), Worcester (N=341), Springfield (N=194), and Lowell (N=153).

The most common prior residence reported by males was Boston (22 percent), whereas the most common prior residence reported by females was Worcester (18 percent).

*At time of commitment, the median age of offender was 30 years, 1 out of 2 were Caucasian, the majority were U.S. citizens, 7 out of 10 were single, most were living in Massachusetts, and 4 out of 10 reported a last residence of Boston.*

# **Nature of Present Offense**

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Table 1.

Court From Which Committed	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barnstable Superior	3	(0)	59	(3)	62	(2)
Berkshire Superior	0	(0)	76	(3)	76	(2)
Bristol Superior	11	(1)	210	(10)	221	(7)
Dukes Superior	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Essex Superior	24	(2)	224	(10)	248	(8)
Franklin Superior	2	(0)	28	(1)	30	(1)
Hampden Superior	12	(1)	273	(13)	285	(9)
Hampshire Superior	3	(0)	26	(1)	29	(1)
Middlesex Superior	29	(3)	373	(17)	402	(12)
Norfolk Superior	5	(0)	89	(4)	94	(3)
NSC	1	(0)	1	(0)	2	(0)
Plymouth Superior	9	(1)	65	(3)	74	(2)
Suffolk Superior	25	(2)	484	(22)	509	(16)
Worcester Superior	18	(2)	250	(11)	268	(8)
District Courts	937	(87)	20	(1)	957	(29)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 2.

County of Court From Which Committed	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barnstable County	3	(0)	59	(3)	62	(2)
Berkshire County	0	(0)	76	(3)	76	(2)
Bristol County	12	(1)	212	(10)	224	(7)
Dukes County	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Essex County	260	(24)	225	(10)	485	(15)
Franklin County	2	(0)	30	(1)	32	(1)
Hampden County	12	(1)	273	(13)	285	(9)
Hampshire County	3	(0)	28	(1)	31	(1)
Middlesex County	230	(21)	376	(17)	606	(19)
Nantucket County	1	(0)	1	(0)	2	(0)
Norfolk County	93	(9)	93	(4)	186	(6)
Plymouth County	106	(10)	68	(3)	174	(5)
Suffolk County	26	(2)	486	(22)	512	(16)
Worcester County	331	(31)	251	(12)	582	(18)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>



Table 3.

Minimum Sentence	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1 Year	11	(1)	131	(6)	142	(4)
2 Years	10	(1)	243	(11)	253	(8)
3 Years	31	(3)	527	(24)	558	(17)
4 Years	13	(1)	243	(11)	256	(8)
5 Years	16	(1)	304	(14)	320	(10)
6 Years	5	(0)	140	(6)	145	(4)
7 Years	3	(0)	88	(4)	91	(3)
8 Years	1	(0)	63	(3)	64	(2)
9 Years	3	(0)	82	(4)	85	(3)
10 Years	3	(0)	70	(3)	73	(2)
11 - 12 Years	2	(0)	54	(2)	56	(2)
13 - 15 Years	4	(0)	50	(2)	54	(2)
16 - 19 Years	1	(0)	25	(1)	26	(1)
20 - 24 Years	0	(0)	13	(1)	13	(0)
25 Years or More	0	(0)	9	(0)	9	(0)
Life	3	(0)	79	(4)	82	(3)
Indeterminate	973	(90)	58	(3)	1031	(32)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 4.

Maximum Sentence	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Fine	103	(10)	0	(0)	103	(3)
Less Than 1 Mo.	85	(8)	0	(0)	85	(3)
Less Than 1 Yr.	504	(47)	4	(0)	508	(16)
1 Year	190	(18)	35	(2)	225	(7)
2 Years	87	(8)	97	(4)	184	(6)
3 Years	22	(2)	255	(12)	277	(9)
4 Years	3	(0)	113	(5)	116	(4)
5 Years	37	(3)	582	(27)	619	(19)
6 Years	5	(0)	119	(5)	124	(4)
7 Years	12	(1)	201	(9)	213	(7)
8 Years	3	(0)	86	(4)	89	(3)
9 Years	1	(0)	44	(2)	45	(1)
10 Years	13	(1)	275	(13)	288	(9)
11 - 12 Years	2	(0)	93	(4)	95	(3)
13 - 15 Years	4	(0)	81	(4)	85	(3)
16 - 19 Years	2	(0)	16	(1)	18	(1)
20 - 24 Years	3	(0)	78	(4)	81	(2)
25 Years or More	0	(0)	21	(1)	21	(1)
Life	3	(0)	79	(4)	82	(3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 5.

Sentence Type	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Simple Sentence	300	(28)	760	(35)	1060	(33)
Concurrent Sentence	429	(40)	928	(43)	1357	(42)
Aggregate Sentence	54	(5)	34	(2)	88	(3)
Forthwith Sentence	1	(0)	79	(4)	80	(2)
From & After Sent.	11	(1)	49	(2)	60	(2)
Split Sentence	181	(17)	329	(15)	510	(16)
Fine	103	(10)	0	(0)	103	(3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 6.

Number of Charges: Current Offense	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
One	458	(42)	1002	(46)	1460	(45)
Two	205	(19)	483	(22)	688	(21)
Three	150	(14)	277	(13)	427	(13)
Four	76	(7)	148	(7)	224	(7)
Five to Nine	136	(13)	213	(10)	349	(11)
Ten to Nineteen	42	(4)	46	(2)	88	(3)
Twenty or More	12	(1)	10	(0)	22	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 7.

Time Until Original Parole Eligibility	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
No PE Date	168	(16)	2	(0)	170	(5)
Past PE Date	13	(1)	7	(0)	20	(1)
1 - 3 Months	559	(52)	50	(2)	609	(19)
4 - 6 Months	152	(14)	59	(3)	211	(6)
7 - 9 Months	47	(4)	93	(4)	140	(4)
10 - 12 Months	61	(6)	154	(7)	215	(7)
13 - 18 Months	12	(1)	207	(9)	219	(7)
19 - 24 Months	23	(2)	284	(13)	307	(9)
2 - 3 Years	19	(2)	465	(21)	484	(15)
3 - 5 Years	11	(1)	497	(23)	508	(16)
5 - 10 Years	7	(1)	195	(9)	202	(6)
10 Years or More	6	(1)	119	(5)	125	(4)
Life	1	(0)	47	(2)	48	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

\* Individuals committed for a first degree life sentence do not have a parole eligibility date.

Table 8.

Present Offense: General Categories	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Person	148	(14)	936	(43)	1084	(33)
Sex	9	(1)	253	(12)	262	(8)
Property	259	(24)	311	(14)	570	(17)
Drug	249	(23)	582	(27)	831	(26)
Other	414	(38)	97	(4)	511	(16)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 9.

Present Offense: Person Offenses	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	931	(86)	1243	(57)	2174	(67)
Murder-1	1	(0)	47	(2)	48	(1)
Murder-2	2	(0)	29	(1)	31	(1)
Manslaughter	5	(0)	50	(2)	55	(2)
Vehicular Homicide	5	(0)	11	(1)	16	(0)
Assault-Attempt to Murder	0	(0)	19	(1)	19	(1)
Accessory to Murder	7	(1)	9	(0)	16	(0)
Armed Robbery	12	(1)	312	(14)	324	(10)
Unarmed Robbery	6	(1)	106	(5)	112	(3)
Armed Assault	49	(5)	282	(13)	331	(10)
Unarmed Assault	53	(5)	29	(1)	82	(3)
Stalking	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Mayhem	2	(0)	16	(1)	18	(1)
Kidnapping	2	(0)	17	(1)	19	(1)
Extortion	1	(0)	5	(0)	6	(0)
Civil Rights	0	(0)	2	(0)	2	(0)
Conspiracy	1	(0)	2	(0)	3	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 10.

Present Offense: Sex Offenses	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1070	(99)	1926	(88)	2996	(92)
Rape	0	(0)	43	(2)	43	(1)
Aggravated Rape	0	(0)	24	(1)	24	(1)
Assault w.i. Rape	0	(0)	23	(1)	23	(1)
Rape of a Minor	1	(0)	41	(2)	42	(1)
Rape & Abuse of Minor	1	(0)	85	(4)	86	(3)
Ind A & B - Minor	0	(0)	32	(1)	32	(1)
Other Sex Offenses	7	(1)	5	(0)	12	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 11.

Present Offense: Drug Offenses	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	830	(77)	1597	(73)	2427	(74)
Poss of Syringe	30	(3)	0	(0)	30	(1)
Induce Other to Viol	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Utter False Prescription	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Exploit Minor Sale-Dist	0	(0)	2	(0)	2	(0)
Conspiracy to Violate CSA	4	(0)	14	(1)	18	(1)
Poss wi Dist - No Class	30	(3)	1	(0)	31	(1)
Poss wi Dist - Class A	18	(2)	2	(0)	20	(1)
Poss wi Dist - Class B	32	(3)	0	(0)	32	(1)
Poss wi Dist - Class C	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Poss wi Dist - Class D	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
Class A - First Offense	26	(2)	71	(3)	97	(3)
Class B - First Offense	58	(5)	87	(4)	145	(4)
Class C - First Offense	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Class D - First Offense	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
* Class A - Repeat	1	(0)	26	(1)	27	(1)
* Class B - Repeat	1	(0)	28	(1)	29	(1)
* Class B PCP/Cocaine	14	(1)	82	(4)	96	(3)
* CI B PCP/Cocaine - Repeat	0	(0)	21	(1)	21	(1)
* Marijuana 50-99 lbs.	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
* Marijuana 100-1,999 lbs.	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
* Cocaine 14-28 grams	10	(1)	93	(4)	103	(3)
* Cocaine 28-100 grams	9	(1)	80	(4)	89	(3)
* Cocaine 100-200 grams	1	(0)	16	(1)	17	(1)
* Cocaine 200 grams or More	2	(0)	17	(1)	19	(1)
* Heroin 14-28 grams	0	(0)	3	(0)	3	(0)
* Heroin 28-100 grams	0	(0)	4	(0)	4	(0)
* Heroin 100-200 grams	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
* Poss wi School Zone	1	(0)	32	(1)	33	(1)
Exploit Minor Sale-Dist	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
* Cocaine to Minor	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

( \* = Mandatory Term of Incarceration )

Table 12.

Present Offense: Property Offenses	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	820	(76)	1868	(86)	2688	(83)
Arson	2	(0)	24	(1)	26	(1)
Burglary-Armed	0	(0)	9	(0)	9	(0)
Burglary	22	(2)	185	(8)	207	(6)
Burglary Tools	0	(0)	9	(0)	9	(0)
Stealing	66	(6)	5	(0)	71	(2)
Larceny	95	(9)	33	(2)	128	(4)
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	(2)	31	(1)	48	(1)
Forgery-Uttering	33	(3)	7	(0)	40	(1)
Common Theft	0	(0)	2	(0)	2	(0)
Recv. Stolen Goods	15	(1)	4	(0)	19	(1)
Property Injuries	9	(1)	2	(0)	11	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 13.

Present Offense: Other Offenses	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	665	(62)	2082	(96)	2747	(84)
Escape	3	(0)	10	(0)	13	(0)
Weapon Offense	2	(0)	4	(0)	6	(0)
Viol Bartley Fox Gun Law	8	(1)	55	(3)	63	(2)
Viol Restraining Order	11	(1)	0	(0)	11	(0)
Common Nightwalker	48	(4)	0	(0)	48	(1)
Disturbing the Peace	23	(2)	0	(0)	23	(1)
Prostitution	131	(12)	0	(0)	131	(4)
Motor Vehicle	58	(5)	3	(0)	61	(2)
Contempt of Court	4	(0)	0	(0)	4	(0)
OUI	106	(10)	15	(1)	121	(4)
Other	9	(1)	10	(0)	19	(1)
Trespassing	11	(1)	0	(0)	11	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

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Table 14.

Age at Incarceration	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
16 Yrs. Old	1	(0)	1	(0)	2	(0)
17 Yrs. Old	4	(0)	21	(1)	25	(1)
18 Yrs. Old	6	(1)	76	(3)	82	(3)
19 Yrs. Old	18	(2)	108	(5)	126	(4)
20 Yrs. Old	19	(2)	92	(4)	111	(3)
21 Yrs. Old	21	(2)	93	(4)	114	(3)
22 Yrs. Old	25	(2)	94	(4)	119	(4)
23 Yrs. Old	33	(3)	90	(4)	123	(4)
24 Yrs. Old	36	(3)	124	(6)	160	(5)
25 to 29 Yrs. Old	254	(24)	503	(23)	757	(23)
30 to 34 Yrs. Old	292	(27)	385	(18)	677	(21)
35 to 39 Yrs. Old	231	(21)	263	(12)	494	(15)
40 to 44 Yrs. Old	81	(8)	161	(7)	242	(7)
45 to 49 Yrs. Old	35	(3)	84	(4)	119	(4)
50 to 54 Yrs. Old	14	(1)	40	(2)	54	(2)
55 to 59 Yrs. Old	3	(0)	25	(1)	28	(1)
60 and Older	6	(1)	19	(1)	25	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

Table 15.

Race / Ethnicity*	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Caucasian	697	(65)	917	(42)	1614	(50)
African American	185	(17)	653	(30)	838	(26)
Native American	7	(1)	5	(0)	12	(0)
Asian	3	(0)	36	(2)	39	(1)
Hispanic	187	(17)	567	(26)	754	(23)
Other	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

\* = This information is self-reported.

Table 16.

Marital Status*	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Married	131	(12)	356	(16)	487	(15)
Single	695	(64)	1627	(75)	2322	(71)
Divorced	143	(13)	145	(7)	288	(9)
Widowed	20	(2)	2	(0)	22	(1)
Common law	0	(0)	3	(0)	3	(0)
Separated	90	(8)	45	(2)	135	(4)
Unknown	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

\* = This information is self-reported.

Table 17.

Prior Address: Selected Cities/Towns*	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Boston	91	(8)	471	(22)	562	(17)
Brockton	71	(7)	46	(2)	117	(4)
Cambridge	7	(1)	26	(1)	33	(1)
Fall River	5	(0)	61	(3)	66	(2)
Framingham	27	(3)	23	(1)	50	(2)
Holyoke	4	(0)	45	(2)	49	(2)
Lawrence	53	(5)	61	(3)	114	(3)
Lowell	46	(4)	107	(5)	153	(5)
Lynn	88	(8)	58	(3)	146	(4)
New Bedford	7	(1)	70	(3)	77	(2)
Quincy	19	(2)	16	(1)	35	(1)
Somerville	10	(1)	38	(2)	48	(1)
Springfield	16	(1)	178	(8)	194	(6)
Worcester	193	(18)	148	(7)	341	(10)
Other Mass	413	(38)	680	(31)	1093	(34)
Out of State	29	(3)	151	(7)	180	(6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>



Table 18.

Prior Address: County *	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barnstable	11	(1)	53	(2)	64	(2)
Berkshire	1	(0)	45	(2)	46	(1)
Bristol	18	(2)	193	(9)	211	(6)
Dukes	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Essex	215	(20)	204	(9)	419	(13)
Franklin	1	(0)	15	(1)	16	(0)
Hampden	21	(2)	271	(12)	292	(9)
Hampshire	0	(0)	14	(1)	14	(0)
Middlesex	196	(18)	332	(15)	528	(16)
Norfolk	61	(6)	71	(3)	132	(4)
Plymouth	100	(9)	82	(4)	182	(6)
Suffolk	107	(10)	518	(24)	625	(19)
Worcester	319	(30)	229	(11)	548	(17)
Out of State	29	(3)	151	(7)	180	(6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

\* = This information is self-reported.

Table 19.

Citizenship *	Female		Male		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
US Citizen-						
Born in Mass.	745	(69)	1217	(56)	1962	(60)
US Citizen-						
Born in Other State	191	(18)	436	(20)	627	(19)
US Citizen-						
Born in US Territory	90	(8)	253	(12)	343	(11)
US Citizen-						
Foreign Born	32	(3)	193	(9)	225	(7)
Not a US Citizen	21	(2)	80	(4)	101	(3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>(100)</b>

## MINIMUM SENTENCE/ MAXIMUM SENTENCE

In the tables, minimum and maximum sentence lengths are rounded to the closest whole year. For example, a sentence of 5 years, 1 day is included in the 5 year category.

### **Armed Assault**

Includes armed assault with intent to rob or murder, armed assault in dwelling house, assault and battery with dangerous weapon, armed assault to steal a motor vehicle, assault by means of a dangerous weapon, and home invasion.

### **Assault-Intent to Murder**

Includes attempted murder.

### **Assault with Intent to Rape**

Includes assault with intent to rape and indecent assault and battery.

### **Contempt of Court**

Includes failure to appear, perjury, violation of a court or restraining order, and abuse prevention act.

### **Other Offense**

Includes deriving support from a prostitute, delivering/receiving articles to/from an inmate, attempting to commit a crime, habitual criminal, and unlawful possession of alcohol.

### **Other Sex Offense**

Includes unnatural and lascivious acts, unnatural acts with child, open and gross lewdness, and pornography.

### **Rape of Minor**

Includes rape of female under sixteen, rape of child, and statutory rape.

### **Unarmed Assault**

Includes unarmed assault with intent to rob or steal, assault, assault and battery, and other assaults.

### **Unarmed Robbery**

Includes unarmed robbery victim over 65.

## SENTENCE TYPE

### **Aggregate**

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served consecutively. The sentence length reported reflects the total of all sentences.

### **Concurrent**

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served simultaneously.

### **Fine**

Incarceration resulting from non-payment of a fine for one or more offenses.

### **Forthwith**

A sentence that is to be served effective immediately, regardless of other sentences for which the individual is currently incarcerated.

### **From and After**

A sentence to be served following release from a previous sentence.

### **Simple**

One sentence received for a single offense.

### **Split**

A sentence that is divided between a specified period of incarceration followed by probation supervision. Split sentences to the State Prison have been eliminated due to the "truth in sentencing" law for offenses committed after June 30, 1994.